

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
WATER AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION**

NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DETERMINATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

General Permit for Discharges from Mineral Mines, Quarries, Borrow Pits, and Concrete and Asphalt Plants, Maryland General Permit No. 22-MM (NPDES No. MDG49)

The Department proposes to reissue the State/NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) general permit 15MM (NPDES No. MDG52) as the new 22MM. The 22MM General Permit is for Discharges from Mineral Mines, Quarries, Borrow Pits, and Concrete and Asphalt Plants, Maryland General. This permit replaces the 15-MM, which expired on April 30, 2022.

Listed below are the revisions included in the Department's tentative determination:

- Inclusion of climate change adaptation requirements
- Inclusion of environmental justice considerations including signage and reporting
- Improvements to Use Polymers to Reduce Turbidity
- Addressing No Exposure Concerns for Asphalt or Concrete Plants
- Updated Corrective Actions and Additional Implementation Measures (AIM) consistent with Departments recently issued permits Standard (General) terms and conditions have been updated consistent with recently issued permits.
- Conditions for Duty to Reapply and Re-opener for Permit Modification have been added to be consistent with other MDE general discharge permits.

The Department will hold an in-person public hearing concerning the tentative determination. The hearing will be on Thursday, December 22, 2022 at MDE's Aqua Conference Room, located at 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland from 1-3 p.m. Any hearing-impaired person may request an interpreter for the hearing by contacting the Office of Fair Practices, at (410) 537-3964 at least ten working days prior to the scheduled hearing date. TTY users should contact the Maryland Relay Service at 1-800-201-7165.

The draft permit, fact sheet, appendices, and a detailed summary of changes are available on MDE's website at <https://mdewwp.page.link/MMGP>. Hard copies of these documents may also be obtained directly from the Department at a cost of \$0.36 per page.

Persons who wish to make a comment regarding the draft permit may speak at the public hearing or submit a written comments to the Department no later than 5:00 PM on December 30, 2022. Written comments may be submitted by mail, email or fax. Mail comments to the Maryland Department of the Environment, Water and Science Administration, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Ste. 455, Baltimore, MD 21230-1708, Attn: Paul Hlavinka, Industrial Stormwater Permits Division. Email comments to Paul.Hlavinka@Maryland.gov. Fax comments to (410) 537-3163, attention Paul Hlavinka.